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## Who kept the faith and fought the fight, glory theirs, the duty ours

- Wallace Bruce



Sgt. D.R. Cotton | Hawaii Marine

HONOLULU — Patrons move past the flag at half-mast to the Honolulu Memorial for a Memorial Day commemoration at the National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific here, Monday. “The Bivouac of the Dead” by Theodore O’Hara adorns a plaque that is affixed to the entrance pillar at the gate. O’Hara wrote this poem in honor of his dead countrymen during the Mexican-American War, a conflict he served in. See full story on A4-A5.

## FOX COMPANY TRAINS WITH ROYAL THAI MARINES



Chief Petty Officer Aaron Glover | U.S. Navy

THAILAND — [Left] Staff Sgt. Michael Ladler, platoon sergeant, 3rd platoon, Fox Company, 2nd Battalion, 3rd Marine Regiment, and Royal Thai Marine Lt. Khongcharoen Metha participate in a simulated amphibious assault conducted with Royal Thai and U.S. Marines for Cooperation Afloat Readiness and Training Thailand 2012. [Right] Marines with Fox Company, 2nd Battalion, 3rd Marine Regiment, conduct a clearing exercise during a military operation in an urban terrain training area as part of a simulated amphibious assault conducted with Royal Thai Marines during Cooperation Afloat Readiness and Training Thailand 2012. CARAT is a series of bilateral exercises held annually in Southeast Asia to strengthen relationships and enhance force readiness.

## The dog that runs in rough seas



Jon Chun | Environmental Compliance and Protection Department

Artist Patrick Ching autographs several copies of a newly released poster featuring Marine Corps Base Hawaii efforts to protect Hawaiian monk seals during an unveiling ceremony, May 23.

**Christine Cabalo**  
Photojournalist

Marines and Hawaiian monk seals share more than just the beach at Marine Corps Base Hawaii.

Both are featured in the newest poster of the “We’re Saving a Few Good Species” series, which highlights the Marine Corps partnering with federal agencies to protect endangered species worldwide. The newest poster is the ninth in the series and was officially unveiled after “Endangered Species Day” earlier this month.

“[Monk seals are] a critically endangered, rare, unique species,” said Todd Russell, biological science technician, Environmental Compliance and Protection Department. “They share a lot of characteristics with the Marine Corps. Both are amphibious by nature.”

Several monk seals have appeared on the shores of MCB Hawaii, and base officials continually work to protect them as well as other endangered animals. The base has offered support to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service as well as the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration to keep the seal population thriving.

“Marines and U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service enjoy a lot of success because we’ve got excellent communication and coordination,” said Kevin Foster, marine biologist, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. “The posters are another product of that coordination, and they do a great job of reaching out to the public. The new poster incorporated elements of what we see, what the community sees and the Marine Corps’ mission.”

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# NEWS BRIEFS

## Authorized headphone running areas

The following are authorized areas on the base to wear headphones while walking or running.

1. The Nuupia Ponds trail, starting from the no noise sign near the back gate and ending at the water cooler across from Kahuna’s Bar and Grill
2. The recreation trail, starting across from Regimental Motorpool and ending next to Fort Hase Beach.
3. The K-Bay track and Camp H.M. Smith track
4. All authorized beach areas
5. All recreational trails aboard Camp H.M. Smith

Please refer to [http://www.mcbh.usmc.mil/g1/adjutant/pubs/Policy/CO\\_Statement\\_Headphones.pdf](http://www.mcbh.usmc.mil/g1/adjutant/pubs/Policy/CO_Statement_Headphones.pdf) for the commanding officer’s headphones policy.

## Active duty service members, dependents offered free entry to national parks

In appreciation of the U.S. military, the National Park Service is now issuing an annual pass offering free entrance to all 397 national parks for active duty service members and their dependents. Eligible patrons can pick up a pass at the entrance station to Hawaii Volcanoes. They must show a current, valid military identification card to obtain their pass. The passes are good for one year from the month obtained. This military version of the America the Beautiful National Parks and Federal Recreational Lands Pass also permits free entrance to sites managed by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, the Bureau of Land Management, the Bureau of Reclamation, and the U.S. Forest Service. The pass is also available at these locations. For details visit <http://www.nps.gov/findapark/passes.htm>.

## 3rd Street closure from E Street to G Street

All base personnel should take note that a large portion of 3rd Street will be completely closed to vehicle traffic (24/7) until July 27. The affected area is from E Street near Pless Hall to the stoplight at G Street in front of Federal Fire Department. The closure is necessary to completely regrade and repave 3rd Street. Motorists destined for western areas of the base must detour via 5th Street or Mokapu Road. Inbound base traffic from H-3 on G Street will be permitted to turn left into the Marine Mart during this time. Access to the Marine Mart and PMO will also be available via the Water Reclamation Facility service road near D Street. Call Philip Lum at 257-6900 for details.



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# Officers graduate from distance education program



Lance Cpl. James A. Sauter | Hawaii Marine

Lt. Gen. Duane D. Thiessen, commanding general of U.S. Marine Corps Forces, Pacific and guest speaker, talks to the graduates of the Command and Staff Distance Education Program and the Expeditionary Warfare School Distance Education Program during a ceremony at the Base Theater, May 17.

# REDUCE USE, INCREASE ENERGY SAVINGS



Cpl. Colby Brown | Hawaii Marine

Hawaii civilian and military residents including Hawaii Lt. Gov. Brian Schatz, Col. Brian P. Annichiarico, commanding officer, Marine Corps Base Hawaii and Navy Capt. Jeffrey W. James, commanding officer, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam attend the launch of Hawaii’s Energy Smart Initiative, Tuesday at Navy military housing near JBPHH. In the background is Navy Chief Petty Officer Benjamin Daniels’ [third from left] house, which has used net-zero energy since 2011. His house is a model of a goal in the program to reduce excess energy usage and promote the use of reuseable energy. “It’s important to make an operation like this work,” said Ray Starling, program manager, Hawaii Energy. “The way we do that, before any modifications are completed, is to develop everyday habits that save energy and promote a decrease in energy usage. Modifications to net-zero houses include photovoltaic solar panels, central air and energy smart appliances.”

# A NEW WAY TO DECONTAMINATE



Cpl. Colby Brown | Hawaii Marine

Marines attending an introductory class to the M26 Joint Service Transportable Decontamination System prepare the system for use here, Wednesday. The M26 is replacing the M17 Lightweight Decontamination System. The M17 has been in use for more than 25 years. The new system also couples with a consolidation of decontamination systems. There are more than 900 M17 systems and less than 175 M26 systems, which will be fully fielded at division level units by June. “There is a production base for the M26,” said Master Gunnery Sgt. Eugene Champion, a projects officer, Chemical Biological Radiological and Nuclear, Marine Corps System’s Command. “With the M17 I can’t even buy parts because the production of them has been stopped. The M26 has a better system base and the concept of maintenance is completely different.” Old M17 systems are planned to be de-militarized and sold on the open market.



# AROUND THE CORPS

## Dog Company Marines bite down on insurgency

**Lance Cpl. Mark Garcia**  
*Regional Command Southwest*

**COMBAT OUTPOST TABAC, Afghanistan**

— During a time in which Marines are continually withdrawing from Afghanistan, Marines and Afghan National Security Forces put continued pressure on the insurgency during Operation Sangin United Horizons, a battalion-sized operation that took place, May 17-20.

Dog Company, 1st Battalion, 7th Marine Regiment, was responsible for finding and destroying weapons caches, improvised explosive devices and drug-producing facilities.

The Marines focused on two key population centers, Western Wushtan and Zard Ragay, which serve as passageways through the mountains between Sangin and Kandahar.

Marines from Dog Company, 1st Bn., 7th Marines, partnered with Afghan National Army soldiers and were inserted by helicopter in the dead of night.

By the time the blistering Afghan sun had risen, Marines had started their mission. Within hours they had established a patrol base as a hub for continued partnered operations.

Throughout the next three days, the Marines conducted partnered patrolling missions with the ANA. While patrolling, the Marines assessed the area and set up a cordon while the ANA deliberately and methodically cleared compounds in each of the villages. Throughout the operation, Marines along with their ANA partners assessed the population through key leader engagements to evaluate the situation and attitudes of the local populace.

“The ANA was the main effort and the assault force as the Marines provided a lot of cordons and security for them,” said 2nd Lt. Kenneth Conover, 1st platoon commander for Dog Company, 1st Bn., 7th Marines, from Fallbrook, Calif.

“The ANA went in and did a lot of compound searches, a lot of local national engagements. They were able to identify some key leaders and sit down and talk



Lance Cpl. Mark Garcia | Regional Command Southwest

**Second Lieutenant Kenneth Conover, 1st platoon commander for Dog Company, 1st Bn., 7th Marine Regiment, from Fallbrook, Calif., speaks to local Afghan children during Operation Sangin United Horizons, May 19.**

with those key leaders in the villages.”

During the three day operation, Marines along with ANA conducted day and night patrols and searched approximately 50 compounds with the ANA searching the majority of them.

“This operation’s purpose was to go into a known enemy safe haven were they bed down and try to mask materials and coordinate for operations into district centers and population centers,” said Capt. John Collins, company commander for Dog Company, 1st Bn., 7th Marines, from Toledo, Ohio.

“So our mission was to go into those areas and conduct cordons and searches to disrupt the enemies’ ability to wage a coherent fighting campaign.”

Collins noted his Marines ability to accomplish the mission at hand.

“The Marines did an outstanding job. The nature of a night insert followed by a night infiltration means that you’re going to be sleep deprived,” Collins said.

“Anytime you insert by helicopter you have to take a lot more sustainment supplies so you have a heavier ruck. If you’re sleep deprived with a heavy ruck patrolling at night through a potentially improvised explosive device laden area it’s no easy task, but the Marines did an outstanding job they also did an awesome job with the partnered patrols.”

Collins said operations such as these have had an increasing effect on the insurgent forces.

“I think that at this point in the Afghan war, and in the Helmand province in particular, the ANSF and coalition forces partnered together have done a very effective job in pushing the enemy forces out of the population centers and out into these isolated safe havens,” Collins said.

“I think by going into these places, it lets the enemy know there’s no safe place they can hide. It also builds confidence and increases the capacity of the partnered force as well as the ANSF.”

## Fleet Week New York 2012 Marine Day in Times Square

**Lance Cpl. Martin Egnash**  
*Marine Corps Public Affairs Office New York*

**NEW YORK** — As part of Fleet Week New York 2012, Marines displayed Marine Corps weapons, equipment and culture during Marine day in Times Square, May 26.

“We’re here to show the public what we’re all about,” said Master Gunnery Sgt. Larry DeYott, senior enlisted advisor at the Marine Corps Warfighting Laboratory.

“The people want to know what the Marine Corps is doing to fight wars and save lives.”

In one section of the event Marines showcased various weapons the Marine Corps uses. Patron were able to hold weapons such as the M16 assault rifle, MK-19 automatic grenade launcher and M249 squad automatic weapon.

“The people love getting to hold the weapons,” said Cpl. Jordan Saini, infantryman, 1st Battalion 9th Marine Regiment, who assisted people with various weapons.

“Kids especially like to check them out. For them, it’s like having their toys come to life. Because what kid didn’t want to do this when they grew up?”

Marines also conducted Marine Corps Martial Arts Program demonstrations where Marines would grapple and show the audience some of their fighting techniques.

“The MCMAP demonstrations are very popular,” said Cpl. Kyle R. Reyes, infantryman, 1st Bn. 9th Marines, who performed martial arts demonstrations



Lance Cpl. Martin Egnash | Marine Corps Public Affairs Office New York

**Pfc. Gael Burgoa and New York native Camille Goldner do flexed-arm-hangs side-by-side during Marine Day in Times Square, May 26. Marine Day is part of Fleet Week New York 2012, where Marines and sailors show New Yorkers Marine Corps weapons, equipment and culture.**

during the event.

“My favorite part of the demonstrations was when a I got so show a bunch of little kids how to do a hip-throw.”

Next to the MCMAP demonstrations was a pull-up challenge where people could attempt to do 20 pull-ups. Though many people didn’t get the full 20, the ones that did were awarded free Marine Corps T-shirts.

Across the street were static displays of various Military vehicles like the HMMWV Humvee and Shrike unmanned aerial vehicle.

Marines helped people inside some of the vehicles and showed them how they work.

“People are really interested in all our high-tech equipment,” said Cpl. Aaron Martinez, logistics chief with the

Marine Corps Warfighting Laboratory.

“A lot of this stuff most people never get the chance to see.”

Overall, hundreds of people had the opportunity to get to know more about the Marine Corps, and the Marines got to know a little more about what makes New York tick. The Marine demonstrations will continue in Times Square May 27 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.



# Memory lives on in Memorial Day

**Sgt. D.R. Cotton**  
*Press Chief*

**HONOLULU** — A little girl weaves through the dispersing crowd at a veterans cemetery. Above her, veterans adorn attire that is diverse but unified; some wear old fatigues with worn decorations, some have leather vests that are patched to observe military service, some wear garrison caps with appropriate insignias, some wear slacks and polo shirts with simple embroideries, some wear full suits with gleaming decorations, and some wear the crisp, proper uniforms of the U.S. military. All of them wear the look of being both honored and pained by remembrance. She finds her way out of the crowd to a sea of “Old Glory,” a final resting place for American veterans. She looks back to her mother in inquisition, pointing at a flag-adorned, lei-draped gravestone.

Friends, family and veterans attended the Memorial Day ceremony at National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific, here Monday. Those who attended carried on this tradition to remember Americans who died in military service for our country.

“It is our honor to have with us today loved ones and comrades of some who have made the ultimate sacrifice in defense of our nation,” said Mayor Peter Carlisle, of the City and County of Honolulu. “We owe you more than words will ever be able to express, and we vow that we will never forget.”

Representatives for numerous groups took their turn to present floral

arrangements at the Honolulu Memorial, which is flanked by marble slabs that contain the names of more than 25,000 American war-dead. These memorials, and the traditions around them, insight the present with the honor of the past.

“It is often said that the price of freedom is eternal vigilance ... We must remain strong and resolute in the defense of our nation, but we must also strive to avoid conflict and protect lives through peaceful means,” Carlisle said. “The honor and memory of our nation’s fallen demand nothing less.”

As the statue of Lady Columbia peers down at the commemoration, service members place the value of honor at her feet. This event is one that is placed on a very high level by some of the most highly recognized Marines.

“Memorial Day – we pay tribute to all wars and all services,” said Medal of Honor recipient and retired sergeant major Allan J. Kellogg Jr. “I go every year to show respect ... it was packed this year with lots of veterans from World War II and the Vietnam [War].”

Kellogg went on to say that recognizing

the sacrifice of the American military is vital to our civilization, and the time is coming for the next generation of American veterans to take their place as time takes its toll on the eldest of our veterans.

As the little girl returns home from the cemetery, another year’s Memorial Day has gone, with the memory of veterans not forgotten. They live on in her, as she asks questions of her mother, till her time to pass the memory of the fallen to the next generation of children has come at a future Memorial Day.



Patrons of the Memorial Day ceremony recognize, with standing and saluting, the presentation of “the colors” and the several flags of the U.S. Armed Services here, Monday. A statue of Lady Columbia peers down to the ceremony from above. At the statue’s feet it is inscribed, “The solemn pride that must be yours to have laid so costly a sacrifice upon the altar of freedom.” This quote is taken from Abraham Lincoln’s “Bixby Letter.”



A representative from the Oahu Chapter 858, Vietnam Veterans of America, waits in silence for his turn to honor “the fallen” at a Memorial Service here, Monday. According to Vietnam Veterans of America, this chapter dedicated a memorial stone, made from marble from a mountain near Da Nang, Vietnam, here at the National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific last year.



Lockheed Martin F-22 Raptors fly over the U.S. and POW/MIA flags at a Memorial Day ceremony at the National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific here, Monday.



Mayor Peter Carlisle, of the City and County of Honolulu, gives his memorial speech in front of the Mayor’s Memorial Wreath here, Monday. “We are here today to remember and to honor all the soldiers, sailors, airmen, Marines, Coast Guardsmen and merchant mariners who fought for our freedom and our future, and who made the ultimate sacrifice,” Carlisle said.





Kristen Wong | Hawaii Marine

Harry Sprague, captain of the SSV Makani Olu, gives an overview of the vessel and the Marimed Foundation to base personnel, May 25. Founded in 1984, Marimed Foundation provides education and therapy through sailing to various groups of people from at-risk youths to the elderly population.

# Marimed Foundation visits MCB Hawaii, introduces services

**Kristen Wong**  
*Photojournalist*

Members of the Marimed Foundation pulled their schooner into the pier at Marine Corps Base Hawaii to offer a tour to base personnel, May 25.

Harry Sprague, the captain of the SSV Makani Olu, and Lala Kamoku, a Makani Olu crewmember, showed personnel around the vessel. Sprague wanted to introduce the program to departments on the base who might have use for it.

The Makani Olu, whose name means “gracious wind” in Hawaiian, is a three-masted staysail schooner built in 1998.

Originally designed as a cargo ship, the Makani Olu is now used in the foundation’s therapy program, which takes people from various walks of life on voyages, where they are called “cadets” and learn how to operate a seafaring vessel.

According to Sprague, everyone who sails with the Makani Olu must be an active participant in keeping the vessel

This nonprofit organization has three programs: Kailana, Hoo Maa and Elder Hostel. Each program uniquely caters to a specific group of people. The Kailana Program provides support for young men ages 14-17 who are emotionally troubled or having issues in school. The Hoo Maa Program takes in youth who are considered “at-risk.” A participating youth can be male or female, and range from ages 14-17. The Elder Hostel Program encourages senior citizens to become involved in sailing.

“We’re open right now to doing just about any program [for the base],” Sprague said. “It doesn’t have to be a 10-day sail or a voyage around the islands. It could be a sail down to Chinaman’s Hat and back.”

Sprague said one of the most rewarding aspects of this program is seeing “the change” in a youth. He said some cadets who have completed the program have even pursued maritime careers.

take control] at the end of the voyage,” Sprague said. “The cadets do it all, from leaving the harbor to sailing back to the buoy across the bay ... that’s what they’ve been working for.”

Kamoku said through the program, cadets can gain a “newfound confidence [and a] sense of accomplishment. Although sometimes it’s not even said, it’s there, it’s internalized.”

“It’s just so different from anything they’ve done before,” said Ken Bwy, the lead sailing instructor at the Marina and Outdoor Recreation Equipment Center. “There’s always a sense of accomplishment when you’ve done something few people have done.”

Bwy previously worked for the Marimed Foundation, and has accompanied youths on several voyages with the organization. For those who may be skeptical about the ease of sailing, Bwy agreed with Sprague’s mention during the tour that Hawaii has some of the roughest water in the world.

most of the sailing you’re ever going to do anywhere else is going to be pretty calm by comparison,” Bwy commented.

Bwy had positive feedback about the program, after having experienced it firsthand himself.

“I can definitely see there being a demand for it,” Bwy said. “I think it would be a pretty unique experience for a lot of people.”

Michelle Chang, an environmental protection specialist with the Environmental Compliance and Protection Department, had not seen a schooner of this size before, and came on the tour out of curiosity. Chang said the program is a good way to learn discipline and teamwork.

“I was so impressed,” Chang said. “I would even love for our own department staff [to participate in the program].”

The Marimed Foundation was founded in Hawaii in 1984. For more information about the Marimed Foundation, visit the foundation’s



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The base provides direct support in caring for the marine creatures and enforcing federal laws that protect them.

In the past, facilities at Waterfront Operations have been used for emergency medical procedures for injured monk seals caught by fishhooks. Currently, the base has helped transport seals by air to other areas of Hawaii and volunteers to help on the ground.

“We have been able to put shoreline pens to use for rehabilitation at MCB Hawaii,” said Rachel Sprague, assistant Hawaiian monk seal recovery coordinator, NOAA. “Being able to have them in a pen in a semi-natural environment, especially for young seals, makes it easier so they’re ready to move into the wild.”

Sprague, who has a doctorate in wildlife biology, said even enforcing beach leash laws for dogs have had a positive impact. Besides reducing the slight chance seals can contract diseases such as distemper, the law also ensures dogs and seals don’t physically confront each other.

“There shouldn’t be a competition between seals and people as long as we all think about what we’re doing,” said Bob Braun, a contracted veterinarian with National Marine Fisheries Service who has led several medical procedures at MCB Hawaii. “Leash laws are not just for seals, but for people too.”

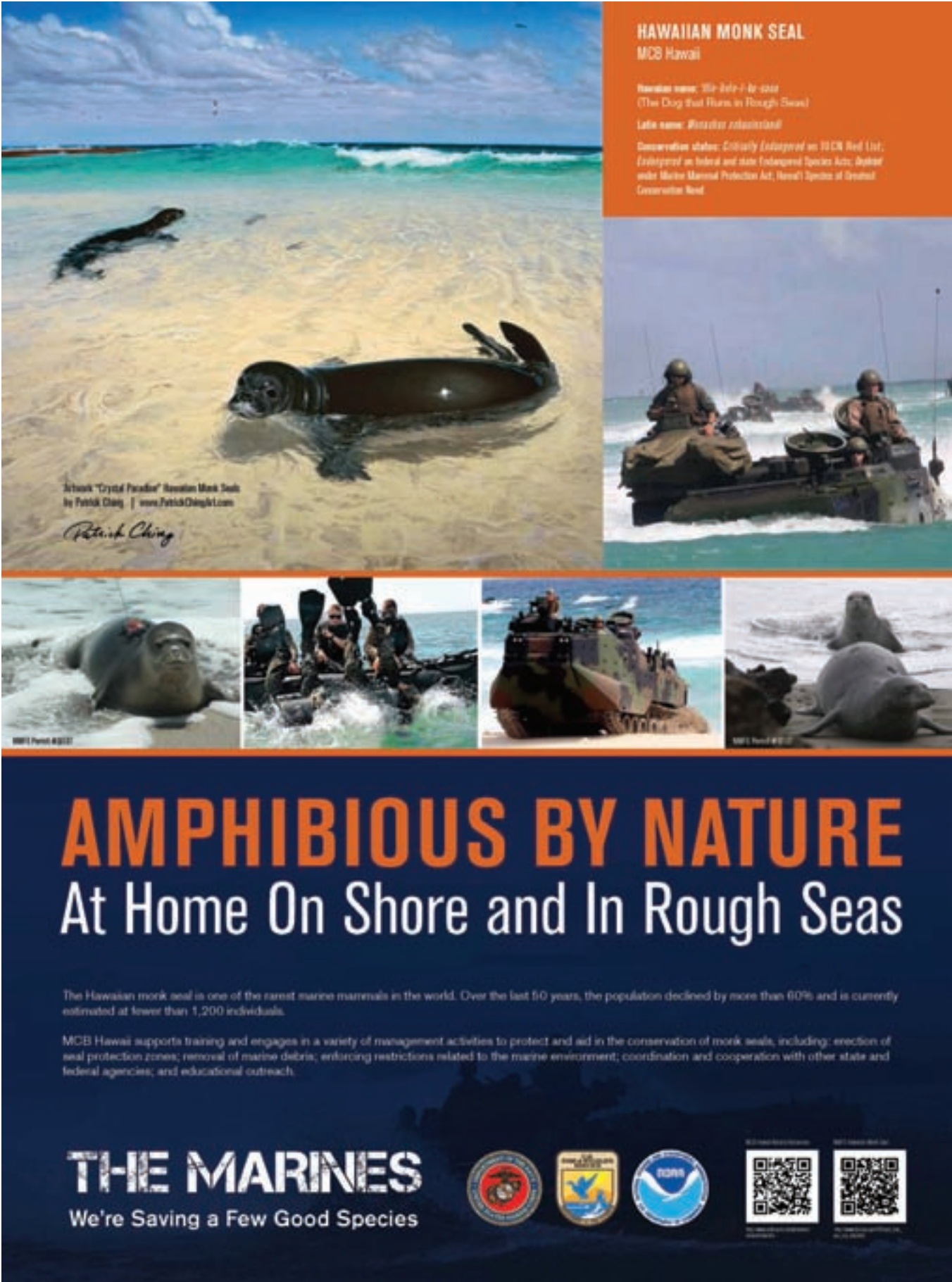
The new poster includes artwork by Patrick Ching as well as smartphone quick response codes for the public to scan in to learn more.

Several at the MCB Hawaii Environmental Department, Headquarters Marine Corps leaders and other natural resource agencies worked on more than 20 drafts before agreeing on the final design.

Hawaii is only one of two places in the world to find monk seals, and the Hawaii species is unique to the state. Just 18 percent of the population lives in the eight main Hawaiian islands, Sprague said.

“When people see a monk seal, they may not realize it’s one of a little more than a thousand of them left,” she said. “With the rate of decline in their population, you worry your children or grandchildren might not get a chance to see them.”

Marines who see the new poster may not realize they share something else in common with the monk seals. The ancient Hawaiian name for the monk seal, “Ilio holo I ka uaua,” means “The Dog that Runs in Rough Seas.”



**Monk Seal Posters available**



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If you would like a copy of the new poster or the previous campaign poster contact Todd Russell at todd.russell@usmc.mil. To report a Hawaiian monk seal sighting, call the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration at 220-7802.